

PROJECT NOTICE LETTER TO LGUs



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Dear Government Official:

Great River Energy, on behalf of itself and other CapX 2020 utilities, is preparing to file a Route Permit Application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for the Twin Cities – Brookings County 345 kV Project, a 345 kilovolt transmission line project between Brookings County, South Dakota and Dakota County, Minnesota. We are sending this notice to local governments prior to filing the application in accordance with Minnesota Statute § 216E.03.

The proposed Project includes approximately 235 miles of new 345 kV transmission line facilities:

- An approximately 200-mile double circuit 345 kV line from the Brookings County Substation near White, South Dakota to a new Hampton Corner Substation in the southeastern corner of the Twin Cities;
- An approximately 25-mile double circuit 345 kV line from the Lyon County Substation near Marshall to a new Hazel Creek Substation southwest of Granite Falls; and
- An approximately 10-mile single circuit 345 kV line from the Hazel Creek Substation to the Minnesota Valley Substation on the east side of Granite Falls.

A map showing the proposed Project is enclosed. The map displays 1,000 feet wide corridors that are currently being evaluated in the routing process. I note that these corridors are narrower than the notice areas developed for the Certificate of Need proceedings. The notice areas were approximately six miles wide or twelve miles wide (in various parts of the project area). Through the course of our work with local governments, state agencies and local landowners, we have narrowed those areas to the areas noted on the map.

Many of you are likely familiar with the CapX 2020 project and have received mailings from us during the Certificate of Need process, which began in the summer of 2007. That process is ongoing with a decision expected in early 2009. That proceeding dictates the size, type and timing of the transmission line project. The Route Permit proceeding will determine where the facilities will be located.

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The Commission decides both of those issues after considering input from the applicant utilities, interested stakeholders, local governments, state and federal agencies and landowners who may be affected by the project.

We are in the final stages of determining route alternatives to propose in the Route Permit application. Open houses will be held in August 2008 to receive additional input from the public. Materials at the open houses will display the potential route options the utilities believe are close to what will be proposed in the Route Permit Application. Local officials are encouraged to attend. Additionally, if your government unit would like to request a meeting prior to the application's filing, please contact us at 1-888-473-2279.

Regards,

GREAT RIVER ENERGY



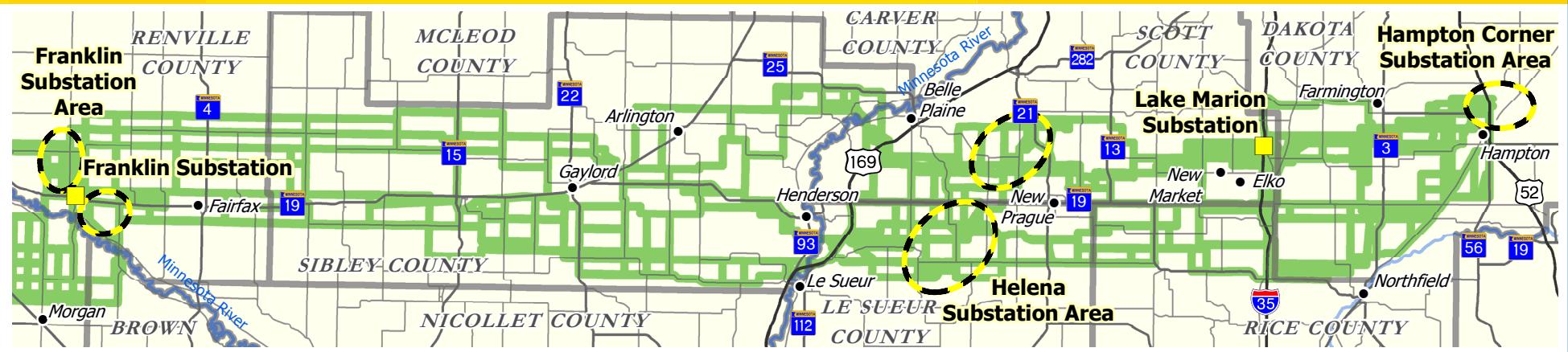
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Potential Route Segments --- Franklin Substation Area to SE Twin Cities



0 2 4 Miles

1 inch equals 10 miles

Legend

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 - Substations (Yellow square)
 - Potential Route Segments (Green line)
 - Substation Area (Yellow dashed rectangle)
 - Major Rivers (Blue line)

CapX Brookings, SD to SE Twin Cities

This map contains revised route segments for the Brookings-SE Twin Cities transmission line. Please note this map does not contain any official information and has not been filed with appropriate state agencies as it represents current thoughts of the eventual route that will be proposed by the CapX 2020 utilities. Areas outside of the revised route segments should not be considered exempt from further analysis. A formal application for a Route Permit will be filed in Fall 2008. Please continue to be involved in this important project. Please do not reproduce or repost these maps without permission from the CapX 2020 utilities.